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Volunteers, contributions make Pre-College's Outdoor Program dynamic

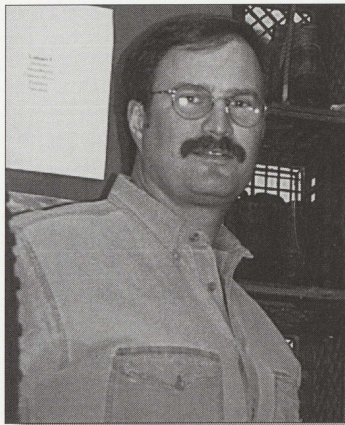
By Todd Byrd

After classes and on week-ends, groups of MSSD and KDES students are bound for the great outdoors. They can be found canoeing Maryland's Patuxent River, hiking on the Billy Goat Trail near Great Falls, Md., or star gazing on a camping trip at Assateague Island National Park.

Now in its fifth year, the extracurricular Outdoor Program, is a dynamic operation thanks to volunteers who lead the activities and to the donations of equipment by individuals, businesses, and organizations.

The program introduces students to activities that they might not otherwise have an opportunity to experience. The outings also have strengthened bonds between students and the teachers and staff who accompany them, said Co-Curricular Activities Coordinator Frank Turk Jr., who leads many of the MSSD activities; program assistant Steven Doleac leads the KDES activities. "You can see them 'high-fiving' each other in the hallway after they've been together for a week-end," said Turk, "so its a way for them to get to know each other better."

Self-esteem is another benefit. A student who completes a 30-mile hike, or learns how to maneuver a canoe feels good about himself or herself. And it is also a palatable way to improve literacy skills, since the students have to make written plans for the trips, compose menus, read the maps to get them to their destinations, and write a summary after-



Frank Turk, Jr.

ward. And there are other practical lessons in preparedness, like making sure all the tent poles are packed, discovering that its no fun to get caught in the rain without a poncho, and being judicious in what goes into a backpack, since after a few miles, extra ounces start feeling like pounds.

These lessons, and the excitement in discovering nature, wouldn't be possible without the outpouring of generosity that the Outdoor Program receives.

In 1994, when the word got out that the new program needed outdoor gear, people from the Gallaudet community responded, giving sleeping bags, tents, skis, fishing poles, and roller blades.

As the program grew, so did the gifts. For example, Recreation Equipment Inc. (REI) gave 30 pairs of hiking boots and several sleeping bags, Gallaudet's Department of Physical Education and Recreation gave three canoes, and Mel Pinto Imports, Inc, of Falls Church, Va, gave seven bicycles plus tools and

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NICD services to be assumed by Pre-College and Public Relations

Information services provided by the National Information Center on Deafness will become the joint responsibility of Pre-College National Mission Programs (PCNMP) and the Office of Public Relations (PR), effective October 1.

All requests for information related to the education of deaf and hard of hearing children up to age 21 will be acknowledged by PCNMP. Requests for information about deafness issues as they relate to people over 21 will be responded to by PR.

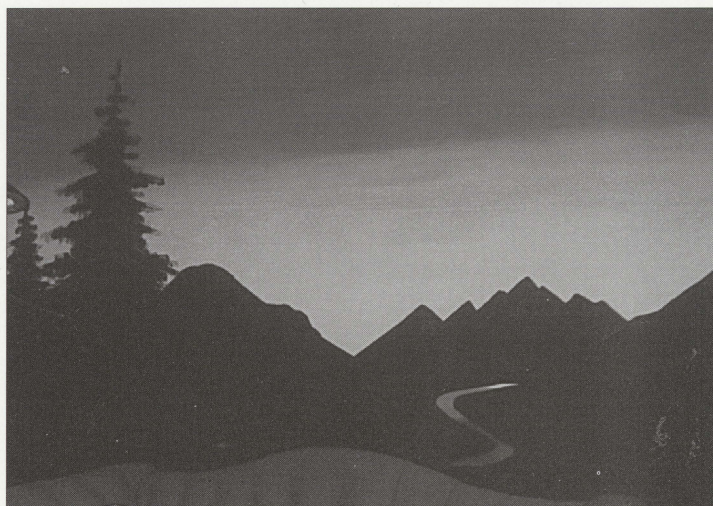
This new arrangement is part of a major reconfiguration of PCNMP's Office of Publications and Marketing and, according to director Randy Gentry, "is aimed at providing Gallaudet's customers with better and more timely information."

PCNMP's Publications and Marketing unit will also begin publishing a new magazine, *Odyssey*, which will replace *Perspectives in Education and Deafness* and

Preview magazines. In addition, PCNMP is developing KidsWorldDeafNet, a Web-based information resource.

"This plan focuses our information development and dissemination efforts on deaf and hard of hearing children from birth through grade 12, their parents, teachers and educational professionals who work with them," said Dr. Jane K. Fernandes, vice president for PCNMP. "By taking these steps, we are addressing our target population's needs for timely and relevant information on the rapidly changing field of education. In turn, PR will provide the information needed by people who inquire about adult-related issues."

Queries regarding deaf and hard of hearing children may be forwarded to Anita Gilbert in PCNMP at x5051. Those concerning deafness-related issues for people above the age of 21 may be directed to Teresa Ezzell in PR at x5505.



Heather Lightfoot's mural in the Literary Society room at Clerc Hall.

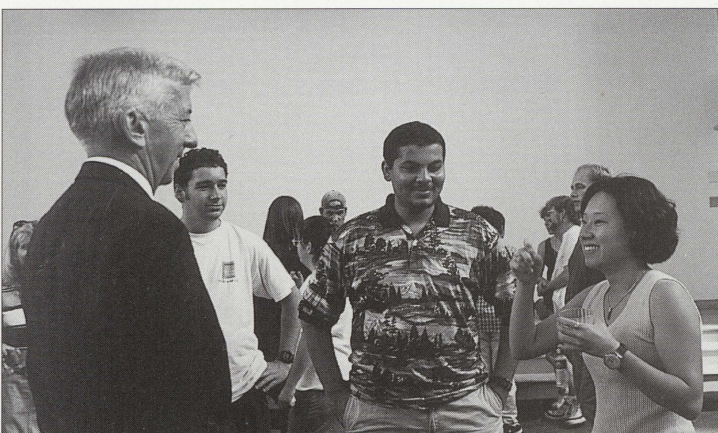
Saying good-bye until Thanksgiving

By Mary Thornley

Dave and Patti Ibata are typical of many parents who said good-bye to a son or daughter during the Family Orientation Program, which was held August 22-26.

Departing from Chicago, Ill. the day before, the Ibatas made the 12-hour drive to Washington D.C., checked in with Family Orientation Program staff at Krug Hall, and received their schedules

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President I. King Jordan mingles with students and their parents at the New Student Orientation reception.

'Sunset Silhouette': Literary Society mural

By Mary Thornley
"Sunset Silhouette," a mural created by graphic design student Heather Lightfoot, adorns Room 105 of Clerc Hall, which was recently renovated by students as a Literary Society room.

Led by Jaclyn Vincent, president of the club, and Steve Vollmar, three walls were covered in bright purple with teal borders. At the same time, Lightfoot was looking to paint a mural to satisfy requirements for her course of independent study in mural painting with Professor Paul Setzer. Upon learning about the Literary Society's plans to redecorate its office space, Heather offered to provide a mural.

The idea for a group to create and talk about literature came in

1996 from Sara Stallard, Lindsay Darnall, and Sean Virnig. The following year, the Literary Society became formally organized under Student Body Government. The club's concept included an office or meeting place open to informal student visits, literary discussion groups, workshops, and poetry development.

Clerc Hall has four theme floors, one of them being 'House of Muse,' which attracts students with strong artistic and literary interests who wish to coordinate events with the Literacy Society. The club also offers exhibition space for other artists who wish to show completed work. An open house is being planned for this fall.

Summer Celebration '99

Faculty and staff enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship at the September 7 picnic



1. Accounting Office Controller Ed Artis works over a hot grill flipping burgers 2. Business Services Director Fred Kendrick shows his culinary skills in barbecuing chicken 3. PCNMP physical education teacher Peg Worthington, a renowned volleyball coach, gives pointers on the game. 4. Faculty and staff get nostalgic and do yesterday's dance craze, the Macarena. 5. GIS interpreter Mary Thumann (left) and a fellow ice cream lover are caught raiding the freezer. 6. Pre-College National Mission Programs Vice President Jane Fernandes (left) and Vice President for Academic Affairs Roslyn Rosen take their turns at the grill. 7. President I. King Jordan presents the first place trophy in the hard-fought volleyball competition to the Information Technology Services team. 8. DOSS Shift Supervisor Wylie (Spider) Myers, who is also well known for his DJ talents, and custodian/floor maintenance worker Vernon McKinney, get the party jammin'. 9. Graduate School and Research administrative assistant Hank Young prepares to chow down. 10. Transportation Department workers cheer for their volleyball team. 11. When the party's over, Vice President for Administration and Business Paul Kelly helps stack chairs.

Family Orientation Program

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while their eldest daughter, Betsy, obtained a New Student Orientation schedule.

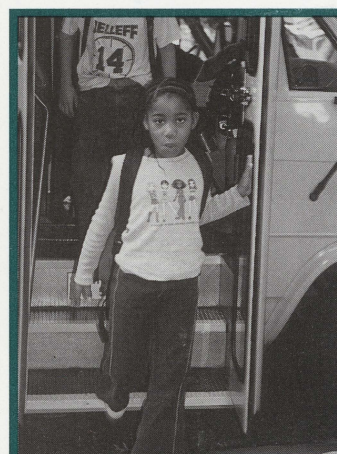
On Monday, the family united for breakfast at GUKCC. Then Betsy took math and English placement tests while her mother, father, and younger sister joined other families in the Swindells Auditorium.

Thelma Schroeder, coordinator, Karen Cook, academic career adviser, and Dr. Stephen Weiner, Dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies, fielded questions from family members and explained Gallaudet's policies and procedures. They learned how to send e-mails or faxes, how to call in the event of an

emergency, and what to expect during a student's first year away from home. Dr. Catherine Andersen, director of the Freshman Studies, Retention, and Orientation Program, lectured about First Year Seminar. The following day, they attended the Convocation program for new students.

Patti Ibata, who is an interpreter at her daughter's school, enjoyed the lectures on the history of Gallaudet and the different styles of signing used by the various lecturers. They also enjoyed the reception with President I. King Jordan. "He impressed me as a strong, accomplished, and caring individual," said Dave Ibata. "Certainly a role model for young people."

The Ibatas enjoyed themselves so much they almost forgot they were leaving a daughter they might not see again until Thanksgiving. "It didn't hit home until Tuesday afternoon when we were saying our farewells outside Cogswell Hall," Dave Ibata remembered. "It was a long, long drive back to Illinois." 




Students in Pre-College National Mission Programs arrived at school to begin a new year on September 7. (Above) Renee Glanville steps off the bus at KDES; (Below) students reunite to talk about their summer adventures.

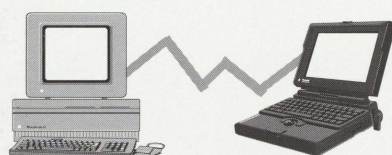
Dynamic outdoor program

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helmets. Recently, the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department's Property Division donated 16 bicycles—unclaimed merchandise recovered by the police that had been stolen or abandoned. The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club Conference gave two grants totaling \$1,800 to fund outings.

But, said Turk, "The ultimate gift is time." Gallaudet students, MSSD residence education advisors, and staff and faculty from Pre-College and the University lend not only their time but their expertise to the program. Some of the volunteers, for example, are rock climbers or storytellers, while some have a knack for identifying fossils, or astronomy, or outdoor cooking. While special skills are a plus, said Turk, a positive attitude is the most important criteria. "We want adults who have a sincere desire to be part of the program and who are not paternalistic but who have a 'students can do' philosophy."

The fall schedule for the Outdoor Program has been completed, and volunteers are needed to help with the activities. For information, e-mail FrankTurk@aol.com. 



COMPUTER WHIZ

By Yoel Krigsman

Don't you hate it when you go to the library and the book you wanted is checked out?

Searching the Web can help. Yet sometimes you find things you didn't want. There are tricks you can use to make your search more efficient:

For example, let's say I'm looking for recipes using apples. I type in **apple** in Yahoo, www.yahoo.com, and it turns up 50 categories and 1,830 sites all containing the word "apple." In addition to apple pie recipes, the results also turned up Apple Computer, Apple Valley, Minn., and the singer Fiona Apple.


How do I narrow down the search? There are several ways. First, I can find just those sites that include the word "apple" and the word "recipe." I do this by typ-

ing **apple +recipe**. Voila! The results narrow the field down and turn up one category and 12 sites.

Let's take it one step further. What if I want apple recipes, but I don't want any for apple pies. Here's how I avoid them: I type **apple +recipe -pie**. The result lists sites for applesauce, apple juice, and apple jellies.

Other searching strategies you can use are putting quotes around multi-word phrases, like "The Great Wall of China" or "Gallaudet University." That way you'll only get sites that have those words, in that order.

Another search tool is to use the * at the end of a word. This can be used to pull up variations of the word you're looking for by including plurals, adjectives, adverbs, etc. For example, you can search for **audiolog*** and it will turn up sites including the words "audiology," "audiologic," and "audiologist."

Send your questions for "Computer Whiz" to public.relations. 



WHAT'S HAPPENING... AND WHEN

(Note: for more information about University athletic events, call the Athletics Department at x5603; for MSSD athletic events, call x5361.)

September

24—Women's soccer vs. Wells College at 4:30 p.m.

25—Men's soccer vs. UDC at 4 p.m.

29—Women's Soccer vs. Columbia Union at 4 p.m.

October

2—Football vs. Duke Club at 1 p.m.

4-22—Fabric art exhibit by Gail Galloway with lecture by the artist October 6 at 3:30 p.m. in Washburn Arts Center Gallery

5—Volleyball vs. St. Mary's College, time TBA

7—Men's Soccer vs. Villa Julie College at 4 p.m.

8 and 15—9:00-1:00 Photography workshop by former White House photographer Barbara Kinney. Enrollment is limited to 30 people. For more information e-mail donna.macleam

